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51. (New) An article of manufacture, comprising:
an article of clothing for hanging on a mounted rod without the use of a hanger;
wherein said clothing comprises a flap, said flap comprising a fastener for attaching said clothing to the mounted rod without removing the rod from its supports;
said fastener comprising a ring, said ring comprising an opening, said opening comprising an open configuration and a closed configuration;
wherein said fastener can be inserted onto a rod when said opening is in said open configuration, and wherein said fastener is secured to the rod to hang said clothing from the rod when said fastener is in said closed configuration.
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Remarks

Receipt is acknowledged of the Office Action of November 14, 2002, setting forth an election requirement in the above-captioned application. A two month extension of the time provided for response is requested. Should any further extensions be required, they are requested, and all fees for such extensions should be charged to our deposit account.

It is believed that \$410 is due in this application for the two month extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee (and all further fees that may be required in this application) to Deposit Account No. 50-1604.

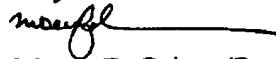
In response to the Election Requirement, Applicant hereby elects the inventions of Species II (e.g. Figures 4, 5, and 7), without traverse.

Due to the fact that claims reciting the elected embodiment were not presented among the claims of the application originally filed, pending claims 1-27 have been cancelled and new claims 28-51 directed to the elected invention have been included herein.

It is believed that no additional fees are due for the new claims (three independent claims; twenty four claims total), as they are all covered by the fee previously paid for the twenty-seven (27) claims originally filed.

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